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## From The President's Desk

Happy New Year to you and yours!

Over the past few months, the Airport Management Council of Ontario (AMCO) has been reviewing many of the ways that we help our members, and the services we use to do so. Your feedback throughout the year and the discussions we have had together helps us provide the service you want. With 2013 moving forward, we are pleased to mention a few of our new plans to our members, and to industry stakeholders.

As some of you may have heard, we will be hosting our 2013 Airfield Workshop in Thunder Bay, ON April 30th, 2013. We are very excited to again announce that the Airfield Workshop will be completely free for all airport and aerodrome attendees, members and non-members, as we work to provide everyone with operational and safety tips to improve operations across the province. The focus of this year's event will be winter operations, providing us with the opportunity to review our busy winter season.

In 2012 we announced that our convention will be held at the Peterborough Airport, providing a new concept for our very successful and informative event. Be sure to record October 6-8, 2013 on your calendars to attend. As always we are also open to ideas for training opportunities held in conjunction to our convention and tradeshow. Have an idea that you want us to look into? Give us a call and let us know.

Don't forget about the opportunity to include information in our e-zine! Send us your press releases, local newspaper articles, appointment updates, photos, or anything else, and we will work to include it. This is after all our association's publication, and we want to highlight your achievements. Thank you to all those who continue to support this initiative, we wouldn't be able to do it without you.

Lastly, I would like to welcome new members to the AMCO community, G.H. Stewart Const. Inc., Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada, Les Logiciels D'Aviation GP Inc., and LPatrick Consulting, as well as congratulate many new airport managers and new staff on their recent appointments. Congratulations, and we look forward to working with each of you to support and promote the airport industry of Ontario and Canada.

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## Solar Panels Planned For Airport Hangars

Original Article By: Hugo Rodrigues, Brantford Expositor  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/SolarInBrantford>



City councillors gave the Brantford airport thumbs up on its intention to apply for a micro-feed-in-tariff (microFIT) contract and install solar panels on some hangar roofs.

The airport board came to a special meeting of city council Monday asking for the city's support to prepare an application for the Ontario Power Authority, which is due to reopen applications for the renewable-energy rate program early in the New Year. If the application is ready to submit during the required period, the airport could see solar panels covering its hangar roofs and generating money to help recover installation costs and pay for airport capital projects.

"The OPA only accept apps for 60 days, so it's necessary to have our application ready very soon to be included in this round," Brantford airport board's Greg Martin said.

"Interest has been very high in this round. It may be the last round for this program as it may not survive the next review." Any solar panels would pay 54.9 cents per kilowatt-hour, revenues that would pay for the installation of the solar panels and, it's hoped, provide a little extra for construction projects at the airport. "We have 80,000 square feet (7,432 square metres) of flat roof on our two largest hangars," Martin said.

## United Airlines Will Start Flying From Thunder Bay Airport

Original Article By: Thunder Bay International Airport  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/CYQTandUnited>

United Airlines will offer daily, non-stop United Express jet service between Thunder Bay and United's hub at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport beginning February 14, 2013. Service will be provided on Canadair CRJ regional jet aircraft with 50 seats.

Scott McFadden, President and Chief Executive Officer welcomed the news, "We are very appreciative of the confidence United has shown in Thunder Bay. Our growing economy requires strong connections with the US. Through United, we are now better connected than any time in our community's history."

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## Air Canada's Discount Airline to Take Off In July

Original Article By: Ottawa Business Journal  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/RougeLaunch>

Air Canada says its new Rouge low-cost carrier will begin flying on July 1, primarily out of Toronto's Pearson Airport. The new airline will fly to Venice in Italy and Edinburgh in Scotland, two destinations that currently aren't served by Air Canada.

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## Air Nunavut Launches Oshawa Charter Operation

Original Article By: SmoothAir  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/SmoothAirLaunch>

Air Nunavut Ltd., a longtime northern operator, has opened a base at Oshawa Municipal Airport just east of Toronto. The company's southern operation has been named SmoothAir Charter.

"We are very pleased to be extending our charter service to the Toronto area, while continuing to provide quality service to our client base in Northern Canada," said company president Jeff Mahoney. SmoothAir will cater to the area's growing demand for light jet charters with a fleet of three Dassault Falcon 10 jets, which carry up to eight passengers and can land at small airports with shorter runways.

"The Falcon 10 allows us to carry more passengers faster and farther than other light jets," said company operations manager Aaron Kenneally. "We regularly operate into unpaved northern runways as short as 4,000 feet."

SmoothAir's fleet is equipped with gravel kits, allowing the aircraft to land on unpaved runways.

## Sudbury Airport Wants Exclusive Shuttle Service

Original Article By: CBC News  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/CYSBCabs>

Greater Sudbury Airport is trying to streamline its shuttle service by having one exclusive provider, which may be bad news for the city's only airport shuttle service.

Sudbury Airport administrator Tara Glabb said the move will offer more consistent service. "Most airports across the country do provide ground transportation through contracted providers, so we're simply looking to do the same," said Glabb. "We want standard service, the same service you would expect across the industry."

Once a cab company is chosen, all other shuttles will cease to exist on airport property.

Sudbury Cab, which currently serves the airport, said it's unsure whether it will apply to be the airport's sole shuttle service. The cab company operates on a flat-fee basis rather than running the meter, which officials said cuts the cost in half to about \$40 per trip.



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## Overview of Airports and Solar PV Systems

Original Article By: Kevin Gilbank, Element Renewables

The installation of photovoltaic (PV) solar projects on under-utilized land is providing airports with a unique revenue generating opportunity. Utilizing the Ontario Power Authority's renewable energy Feed-In-Tariff Program, Airports can now secure long-term leases for the land used by solar projects. This revenue can be a valuable additional source of capital for the daily operation of the airport. An additional benefit is the public perception that the solar project will create through clean energy production.

Over the last 10 years PV solar projects have been installed at numerous international, American, and Canadian airports with great success and no impact to daily airport operations. The low profile panel arrays have no airspace penetration, and are constructed of dark, light-absorbing materials with an anti-reflective coating to maximize absorption and eliminate glare. The project developer is typically responsible for the design, installation and maintenance of the airport solar project. At the end of the lease contract, the developer will be responsible for decommissioning and reclaiming the entire site at no additional cost to the landowner.

Element Renewables Inc (ERI) is a renewable energy project developer, specializing in the identification, development and operation of renewable energy project opportunities. ERI's focus is on solar installations at small to medium sized airports. ERI would be available to provide a free assessment of your site conditions, and determine the feasibility of a solar installation.

For more information on solar installation opportunities or to set up an assessment, please contact [kevin.gilbank@elementrenewables.com](mailto:kevin.gilbank@elementrenewables.com) or visit [www.elementrenewables.com](http://www.elementrenewables.com).

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## U.S. Pulls Pin On 'Strip Search' Machines

Original Article By: Zenaira Ali, National Post  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/ScannerConcerns>

After the United States announced it was axing revealing full-body scanners it appears Canadian airports may not be too far behind.



The Electronic Privacy Information Center sued the Transportation Security Authority (TSA) in 2010 over the scanners, claiming they went against privacy laws and said the machines were equivalent to a "physically invasive strip search."

Because their full-body scanner supplier, OSI Systems' Rapiscan, is unable to produce the type of images they want, the TSA has decided to end their \$5 million contract. Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) spokesman Mathieu Larocque recently told the CBC they're testing automated target recognition software on scanners for a similar purpose.

## YKF Sets an All Time Record for Passenger Traffic In 2012

Original Article By: Region of Waterloo International Airport  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/YKF2012Record>

The Region of Waterloo International Airport (YKF) is proud to announce 2012 was a record year for passenger traffic. A total of 120,828 passengers travelled through the air terminal building which was a 19.5 per cent increase over 2011.

"Passengers love this airport and we want to thank everyone who made the choice to support American, Bearskin, Sunwing and WestJet out of Waterloo Region," said Chris Wood, Airport General Manager at YKF. "The passenger numbers are impressive, and our airline partners continue to see strong advanced bookings from Waterloo Region. We are confident that in 2013 our passenger numbers will be even better than 2012."

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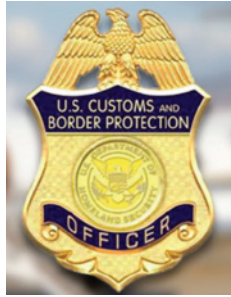
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## U.S. Budget Woes Could Hit Beyond the Border Projects

Original Article By: The Canadian Press  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/USBudgetCuts>

Sequestration loomed over a Canada-U.S. conference on Beyond the Border initiatives on February 4, 2013 as an American official acknowledged U.S. budget woes were slowing progress.



Maryscott Greenwood of the Canadian American Business Council asked the panel whether the U.S. fiscal crisis means "there will not be any expansion of pre-clearance at airports in Canada, and that, if anything, we are looking at cuts?"

"We have to be very conscientious about where our resources are ... being able to expand to other areas would be very difficult", they replied. That's bad news for airports in Canada, in particular Toronto's island airport, after months of negotiating to bring U.S. customs to the airport.

## Hamilton Airport Rebranding Is Underway

Original Article By: Flannery Dean, CBC News  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/HamiltonBranding>

John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport launched its redesigned website as part of a plan to establish a more visible brand in 2013. In addition to a more serious monochromatic colour scheme, the site has a new address [flyhamilton.ca](http://flyhamilton.ca) and features the airport's new logo and slogan, "For those who really want to fly."

"The idea of the new brand is redefining flight," said Lauren Yaksich, a spokesperson for Hamilton International Airport. That redefinition emphasizes speed and convenience, said Yaksich, hence the slogan which offers a play on the word 'fly'.

## Team Eagle Expands To New England States

Original Article By: Team Eagle  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/TeamEagleExpansion>

Oshkosh Airport Products Group, a division of Oshkosh Corporation, announced the expansion of the sales and service territory of Team Eagle Ltd. to represent Oshkosh snow equipment products, including the Oshkosh H-Series™ family of airport snow removal vehicles. Team Eagle is now responsible for the New England states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, in addition to its present territory that includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and all of Canada. Team Eagle has been an Oshkosh snow equipment dealer since the 1990s. "We're excited to expand our territory representing Oshkosh, and we look forward to taking our commitment to customer service to Oshkosh snow removal customers throughout New England," said Steve McKeown, president of Team Eagle Ltd.

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## Chatham-Kent Airport Study Report is In

Original Article By: Chatham This Week  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/CYCKWindStudy>

A study on how the municipal airport is impacted by the South Kent Turbine Project has been completed and is available to the public. The report, by an independent consultant, completes the first phase of the agreement made during the summer between Chatham-Kent and South Kent Wind LP. The next phase will see the hiring of a contractor to complete upgrades at the airport. The municipality announced a tentative agreement in July with South Kent Wind LP to protect and improve public safety and user access at the airport. South Kent Wind LP will contribute up to \$2.5 million for upgrades to the airport, conditional on the developer receiving final approval for the project and finalizing construction financing arrangements.

## Public Aircraft Auction in Owen Sound

Original Article By: Aero Auctions  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/CYOBAAeroAuctions>

Aircraft buyers and sellers will come together at the Owen Sound (Billy Bishop) Regional Airport (CYOB) on May 10, 2013 for an auction hosted by Aero Auction Sales Inc. in conjunction with the City of Owen Sound. It is expected that over 50 aircraft will be available for purchase.

The need for an event like this is evident, according to Aero Auctions president Mike Duns. "We used to sell planes all the time out west, hence the Aero in our name; demand wasn't as high here in Ontario but over the years, we've been requested to sell everything from Cessnas to Robinson helicopters and we've sold them with great success. The time seems right to partner with Billy Bishop and create an aviation auction for buyers and sellers to come together — after all, auctions are a tried-and-true venue for establishing fair market value and that's what both parties are looking for."



## Transport Canada Admits To Shortage in Civil Aviation Inspectors

Original Article By: Aero Auctions  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/CYOBAAeroAuctions>

Transport Canada admitted Tuesday it is short of nearly 100 inspectors whose job is to check for safety problems at air carriers.

Senior officials acknowledged the department is having a hard time filling all 880 positions, with vacancies currently standing at about 100 inspectors.

Meanwhile, Auditor General Michael Ferguson, also testifying before the House of Commons public accounts committee about oversight of Canada's civil aviation system, complained Transport Canada's own national human resources plan does not specify the number of inspectors and engineers that are needed. Ferguson noted the department agreed to provide these figures in response to his office's 2008 audit, but Transport Canada has still not done so.



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## Preventing Bird Strikes at Canadian Airports

Original Article By: Canada Aviation and Space Museum  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/BirdStrikeSession>

On February 23, 2013 the Canada Aviation and Space Museum will be hosting an information session to allow the public to meet the wildlife control officers from Falcon Environmental Services, and some of their birds of prey: the American kestrel, Harris hawk, and Peregrine falcon.

Every year over one thousand bird strikes occur at Canadian airports, putting people's lives as well as aircraft and wildlife in jeopardy. With growing bird populations and changes in bird migration habits, the incidence of bird strikes is on the rise. Forty percent of bird strikes occur during aircraft takeoff or landing, with only about 100 collisions per year occurring at altitudes higher than 1,500 metres.

Learn about the important job these raptors perform on airport sites, and how they are trained to deter nuisance birds.

## Airline Fee Changes At Toronto Pearson

Original Article By: Greater Toronto Airports Authority  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/YYZ2013Rates>

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) has approved changes to airline rates and charges for 2013. The result of these changes will be an overall reduction in charges, approximately 10%, paid by the airlines operating at Toronto Pearson. This is the sixth consecutive year that fees have been reduced or held steady at Toronto Pearson.

The new rates and charges structure is set on an asset-recovery basis and is reflective of the structure at other international airports. It is the intention of the GTAA to hold these new rates steady for a period of three years to allow the airlines to budget accurately for an extended period of time.

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## Hot Mix Asphalt a Runway Choice Material

Original Article By: Dan O'Reill, Daily Commercial News  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/AirportHotMix>

As hot mix asphalt is used to construct the overwhelming majority of this province's highways, the official motto of the Ontario Hot Mix Producers Association (OHMPA) is "Why Ontario Rides on Us."

'Why Ontario Lands on Us' was the title of a presentation by Golder Associates, a geotechnical firm which has been the consultant on several Canadian airport redevelopment projects.

Ninety per cent of airport runways in North America are constructed with asphalt, although in Canada the figure is between 80 to 85 per cent, he said.

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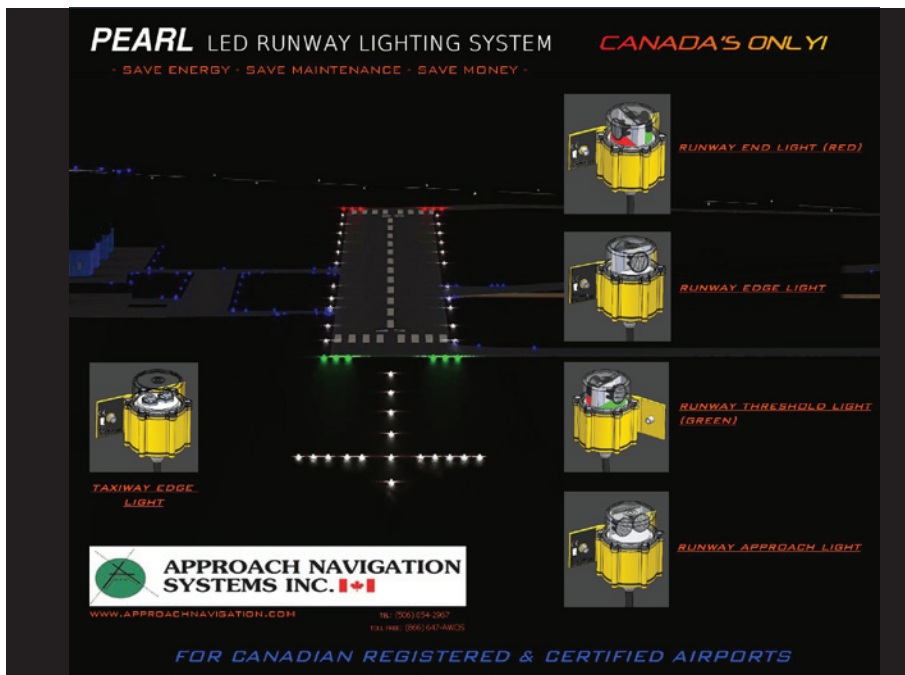
## Outgoing Airport CEO Says Time Right for New Challenge

Original Article By: Michael Michalski, OurWindsor.ca  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/WindsorGrowth>

After six years on the job, Windsor International Airport CEO Federica Nazzani is leaving the position, confident that it was simply time to move on to new challenges. "When I started in 2007, we set out our goals and objectives for a five year plan, and literally accomplished everything we set out to do," Nazzani told OurWindsor.ca. "When it came time to start talking about the next five years, I asked myself if I was ready to commit fully or if it would be best for new leadership to execute them."

Under her watch, passenger totals have risen to 230,000 annually from 96,000 at Your Quick Gateway. Further, four major Canadian carriers now call it home (Air Canada Jazz, WestJet, Sunwing and Porter). "There really is huge potential here," she said.





## New Cargo Facility at YHM to Boost Region's Economy

Original Article By: Team Eagle  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/YHMCargo>

Local businesses, cargo carriers and freight shippers will soon benefit from major infrastructure improvements to the Hamilton International Airport, thanks to a joint funding initiative announced today by the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Labour and Member of Parliament for Halton, and the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation.

A 60,000-square-foot cross-dock will be built to accommodate the growing air cargo business at the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport. This new facility will include multiple truck docks; refrigeration for perishables such as flowers, fruits and vegetables and pharmaceutical products; a live animal centre; as well as cargo and courier handling facilities.

"Hamilton International Airport is a growing gateway for international trade and this new cargo facility will help the region's economy remain competitive and well-positioned for the future," said Minister Raitt.



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## Strong Makes Three Out Of Five Backing Out Of Airport

Original Article By: Mary Beth Hartill, Northumberland News  
<http://news.amco.on.ca/CPE6Support>

The Township of Strong is following the lead of the Village of South River and Township of Machar in their decisions to back away from the airport. Strong recently passed their resolution, which will see them resign from sharing operations of the airport effective September 30, 2013.

"We are now the third of five municipalities to pull out," said Strong Township mayor Chris Ellis.

Ellis said it was very difficult for a group of people inexperienced in airport management to run the airport. The South River Flying Club had put forward a 25-year plan to manage the airport, which Ellis says Strong council was in favour of. However, she said, the deal went nowhere and is no longer on the table. Making the decision to pull the township out was a difficult one, she said.



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